



UNIVERSITY *of* ST. THOMAS
William J. Flynn
Center for Irish Studies
Fall 2017 Cultural Outreach Events

We invite you to attend our spring 2017 Cultural Outreach Series. These events are first-come, first-served. Please advise us in advance of any mobility issues so we may reserve a seat for you. There is a minimal charge for our concerts.



Thursday, February 16, 2017
***Come Dance with Me in Ireland:
Encounters with W.B. Yeats*** by Patrick Ball

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Cullen Hall
4001 Mt. Vernon St., Houston, TX 77006

COST: \$15 for adults; \$10 seniors (65+);
UST faculty, staff and students free
RSVP for those with mobility issues and for groups of 6
or more – 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu

Come Dance with Me in Ireland: Encounters with W.B. Yeats is a musical and dramatic performance around the life of W.B. Yeats. Join harpist and performer Patrick Ball for a harp-filled evening celebrating the life, works and quirks of Ireland's greatest poet, William Butler Yeats.



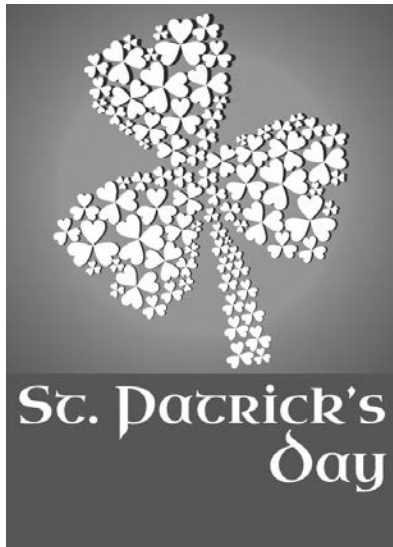
Thursday, March 2, 2017
***EVA – International Contemporary Folk
and Harmony Group***

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Cullen Hall
4001 Mt. Vernon St., Houston, TX 77006

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Featuring breathtaking voices with roots in Australia, Ireland, the United Kingdom and the USA, EVA performs a seamless mix of traditional and contemporary original folk music. Kath Buckell, Liz Simmons and Nicole Zuraitis lend their three distinct voices to songs that meld worldly sensibilities with time-honored musical traditions. EVA's powerful three-part vocal harmonies are bedded on the textured landscape of guitar, piano, and percussion.



Friday, March 17, 2017
Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mass celebrated by Rev. Sean P. Horrigan

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Chapel of St. Basil
3802 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

Reception following Mass

WHERE: Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center
4000 Mt. Vernon St., Houston, TX 77006

COST: COMPLIMENTARY; RSVP required by March 8th
To make reservations for the lunch, please call the
Center at 713-525-3592 or e-mail
irishstudies@stthom.edu

Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration! Begin the day with a lovely Mass officiated by Rev. Sean P. Horrigan. Stay for the reception and feast on many traditional Irish and Irish American favorites with your family and friends. Thanks to your faithful support of the Center, the reception is on us! Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 8.



Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Irish Contributions to the Science of Medicine
by John P. Cooke, M.D., Ph.D.

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Jones Hall
3910 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

COST: Free and Open to the Public
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Dr. John P. Cooke will discuss the history of the contribution of Irish scientists and physicians to the advancement of medical diagnosis and therapy. He will also introduce his contribution to the field, focusing on his research on how to reverse aging of the heart and vessels.

Dr. Cooke is Professor of Medicine and Chair of the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences at the Houston Methodist Research Institute and the Director of the Center for Cardiovascular Regeneration in the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center in Houston, Texas. Dr. Cooke trained in Cardiovascular Medicine at the Mayo Clinic and obtained a Ph.D. in physiology there. Subsequently, Harvard Medical School recruited him as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. In 1990, Stanford University recruited him to spearhead the program in Vascular Biology and Medicine, and he was a Professor in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine, and Associate Director of the Stanford Cardiovascular Institute until his recruitment to the HMRI in July 2013.

Dr. Cooke has served as President of the Society for Vascular Medicine, as a Director of the American Board of Vascular Medicine, and as an Associate Editor of Vascular Medicine. He has published over 500 research papers, position papers, reviews, book chapters and patents in the arena of vascular medicine and regeneration with over 20,000 citations.

Save the date for the 2017 Irish Gala!

The 2017 Irish Gala will be held on November 3 at The Houstonian Hotel and will be chaired by Maureen Evans, Margo Geddie and Lisa Miranda. Plan to be with us for another enjoyable evening and join us in raising scholarships for our students to pursue Irish Studies!

Annual Irish Gala Celebrates Ireland With Special Tribute to Bill Flynn



From L to R: Rev. Bill Shaw, Lori M. Gallagher, Ambassador Anne Anderson, deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, Hon. John B. Kane, Marianne and Dr. Robert Ivany

Over 300 friends of the University of St. Thomas William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies attended the annual Irish Gala on Nov. 4 at The Houstonian Hotel to “Celebrate Ireland through its People.” The Gala paid special tribute to William J. Flynn, the Center’s namesake, for his tireless commitment to the peace process in Ireland.

Diplomats and dignitaries from Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States were present to celebrate. Of particular note, deputy First Minister, Mr. Martin McGuinness, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, Ms. Anne Anderson, Consul General of Ireland in Austin, Mr. Adrian Farrell, Honorary Consul General of Ireland, John B. Kane, and Counsellor/Director of the Northern Ireland Bureau, Mr. Norman Houston, were in attendance. Additionally, Mrs. Karen Bell, British Consul General in Houston, attended.

Through this special tribute to Bill Flynn, the Gala recognized that he has dedicated his life to bringing people from all parties and walks of life to the table to listen, to create an environment for open dialogue and to achieve a positive change in the lives of everyone in the island of Ireland. In 2010, the University named the Center after Bill in recognition of his significant contributions to peace and reconciliation.

Festivities for the Gala began with an underwriter dinner on Thursday, November 3, in the home of Kari and Sean P. Tracey where guests mingled in advance of the Gala while enjoying traditional Irish music and food catered by A Fare Extraordinaire. On Saturday afternoon, the Northern Ireland Bureau invited key sponsors of the Gala as well as current and former students to a private lecture and luncheon with deputy First Minister McGuinness at The Houstonian. In this intimate setting, students and guests were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. McGuinness regarding politics and policy in Ireland.

The annual Irish Gala provides scholarships for University of St. Thomas students to study abroad in Ireland and Northern Ireland and at UST. In addition, the Gala raises funds for the Center endowment, distributions from which are used to operate the Center. This year’s Gala raised approximately \$270,000 through table and ticket sponsors and the auction.

In addition to the dignitaries and diplomats listed previously, special guests for the 2016 Gala included H.E. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Bishop Brendan Cahill, Bishop George Sheltz, Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza; Rev. Bill Shaw, Director of the 174 Trust in Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Dr. Robert Ivany, UST President, and Marianne Ivany, UST First Lady.

Supporters and guests in attendance at the Gala included Dr. Bert Edmundson, Cathy and George Goolsby, Jes and John Hagale, Pat Moran, Charlene and John O’Shea, Susan and Jim Power, Kari and Sean Tracey, and other members of the Center Advisory Board.

UST’s Center for Irish Studies is rated among the top 10 Irish Studies programs in the country.

Under the direction of Lori Gallagher J.D., prior to this event the Center has awarded study abroad scholarships to over 95 students and secured study abroad funding in excess of \$400,000.

Our Center's mission:

- To preserve Irish heritage and culture
- To promote peace and reconciliation around the world using the Northern Ireland model
- To serve as a premier Center for Irish and Irish American Studies in Texas and the Southwest offering outstanding educational opportunities to our students and the community

The Center is pleased to announce that its Irish Language Promotion program taught by Prof. Jonathan O'Neill continues to be funded by the Ireland-United States Commission for Educational Exchange and the Irish Government's National Lottery.

Spring 2017 Irish Studies Courses

In Spring 2017, we will offer the following courses, which begin on January 19 and run through May 5, 2017, taught by Prof. Jonathan O'Neill, our Irish Studies Scholar from Ireland:

Elementary Irish I, MW 1:40-2:55 pm

Elementary Irish II, TTh 2:10-3:25 pm

Irish Gaelic Literature in Translation, Th 5:30 to 8:15 pm

2016 Cultural Outreach Forum Members *(as of December 2, 2016)*

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